

House Bill 76

By: Representatives Levitas of the 82nd, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Lunsford of the 110th, Mitchell of the 88th, Powell of the 29th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-96 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 pedestrians walking on or along a roadway, so as to provide definitions; to clarify legal
3 activities of pedestrians; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-6-96 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pedestrians
8 walking on or along a roadway, is revised as follows:

9 "40-6-96.

10 (a) As used in this Code section, 'pedestrian' means any person afoot and shall include,
11 without limitation, a person who is standing, striding, walking, jogging, running, or
12 otherwise on foot.

13 (b) ~~Where a sidewalk is provided, it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and~~
14 ~~upon an adjacent roadway~~ any pedestrian shall stand or stride only on the sidewalk and
15 shall not stand or stride upon an adjacent roadway.

16 (b)(c) ~~Where a sidewalk is not provided but a shoulder is available, any pedestrian walking~~
17 standing or striding along and upon a highway shall ~~walk~~ stand or stride only on the
18 shoulder, as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway.

19 (c)(d) ~~Where neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, any pedestrian walking~~
20 standing or striding along and upon a highway shall ~~walk~~ stand or stride as near as
21 practicable to an outside edge of the roadway, and, if on a two-lane roadway, shall ~~walk~~
22 stand or stride only on the left side of the roadway.

23 (d)(e) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any pedestrian upon a roadway shall
24 yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

25 (e)(f) No pedestrian shall enter or remain upon any bridge or approach thereto beyond the
26 bridge signal, gate, or barrier after a bridge operation signal indication has been given.

30 SECTION 2.32 SECTION 3.

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